

The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy

The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy was endorsed by both the Swindon Strategic Partnership and Swindon Borough Council and launched in May 2005. It identifies the neighbourhood renewal areas which are currently Central, Park North, Park South, Penhill, Pinehurst and Walcot East. Statistics indicate that these neighbourhoods have higher levels of economic, social and personal needs than in other areas across the town.

The purpose of the Strategy is to deliver improved opportunities and quality of life in priority neighbourhood renewal areas and to ensure that key service providers work together to reduce the levels of inequality experienced by these neighbourhoods.

Within the Strategy, there is a list of key objectives developed by the Neighbourhood Renewal Task Group, a forum of community representatives and activists from the priority neighbourhoods.

During 2006, neighbourhood renewal work has focused on the development of the Local Area Agreement ensuring that provision is made for specific work in neighbourhood renewal areas. This has been successful. Significant commitments have been made in each of the four Local Area Agreement blocks.

Over the next 12 months, work will focus on reviewing the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and action plans in the light of the Local Area Agreement.